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## NEWSLETTER 20 June 2018

### Dates for your Diary

JUN	Wed 27	Grade 3-6 STEAMDANCE Workshop at Myrree
	Thu 28	Reports handed out NAIDOC Week Activities
	Fri 29	Grade 3-6 STEAMDANCE Performance at Wang PAC
	Fri 29	Last day of Term 2 – <b>school finishes at 2:30pm</b>
	JUL	Sun 15
	Mon 16	First day of Term 3 – Mr G returns!

#### VACUUM ROSTER

JUN	22	Cunneen
	29	Cursons
JUL	20	Flanigan
	27	Fullerton
AUG	3	Graham
	10	Hilton

#### TOILET ROSTER

Graham
Hilton
Knighton
Lambert
Lemke
Leadbetter

#### MOWING ROSTER

Shannon Murphy
David Boonzaayer
Peter Paccagnan
David Cavicchiolo
Gill Cunneen
Scott Flanigan
Tim Northey

#### PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SECURITY SYSTEM

NEW PARENTS PLEASE COME TO SCHOOL TO SEE HOW OUR SECURITY SYSTEM IS DEACTIVATED FOR VACUUMING DUTIES

**NOTE** If you can't clean on your rostered time, swap with another family. A list of family numbers is in your handbook. Thank you.

Return the key to school when mowing is done. Thank you

Dear Parents,

As the weather is getting colder and wetter it might be worth packing a change of clothes and some slippers for those wet days where accidents happen and we end up with wet and muddy clothes and shoes on many students.

### **Around the Classes**

The Prep/1 class has been learning about the sounds of a hard c and a soft c and how they are different and have been looking at the difference between b and d in their handwriting. Within their unit on animals, they have been looking at the different animal families and will be making an animal in the next week. In maths, they have been learning about time and used the sphero's as the hands of a big clock on the floor to help them tell

time to the hour, ½ hour, ¼ hour and the minute.

The 2/3 class have finishes their animal poster and are now using this as the basis for their class presentations. We are finishing our writing unit on explanations and our numeracy units on counting patterns and time.

The 4/5/6 class have been learning about punctuation in their writing and wrote some very descriptive pieces from a prompt about a creating a new species of

animal. In their animal unit, they have been learning about bacteria and how animals reproduce. In maths, they have been looking at shape and time, including making their own clocks.

### **Cross Country**

The other week a few of our grade 3-6 students competed in the Ovens and Mitta Division Cross Country.



Congratulations to Carla, Matilda, Maisy, Rayne, Skelly, Euca, Cooper, Rakalem, Matty, Clove and Sam on completing the race. All students represented the school extremely well and many achieved PB's. Clove has gone on to compete in the region championship at Winton today.

### **Student of the Week**

Our congratulations to the following students who have received a Student of the Week this week:

**Tom** – For making an extra effort to listen to instructions and follow them accurately.

**Charlie** – For persisting with a task and being resilient with her classwork.



**Mitch** – For extra effort and persistence to complete his animal poster after being away.

**Cooper** – For becoming an independent reader.

**Olivia** – For applying the research skills learnt at school to create a PowerPoint project at home.

### **Reports**

Our teachers are now in the process of finalizing student Mid Semester Reports. It has been amazing to see the fantastic progress students are making with their academic and social and emotional learning. These reports will be handed out on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June. If you are not here on the last few days of term, then your child's report will be posted to you. If you have any questions about your child's report please do not hesitate to contact their teacher or myself.

### **End of Term**

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June is the last day of term 2. School will finish at 2:30pm. This means that students who catch the bus will be dropped off an hour earlier than normal on this day.

### **Grade 5/6 STEM Workshops**

*We went to GoTafe for a STEM day where we did 4 different things. The first thing we did was food science with Ruth Crawford who is my second cousin. There were 4 activities to do in the food science.*

*The next thing we did was the a... We tested the PH level of the soil. Our test came out at level 5. The teacher took lots of pictures of the Lego farmer.*

*Then we did the google expo where we did virtual reality and went into space which was so awesome. We also played with a Vex which is a robot that picks up cones.*

*After that we did the vet clinic where we saw how you spread germs. Then we went to the barn and held some rabbits and chickens. We tested the heart rate of the rabbit.*

*Overall the day was really fun. We met lots of new people. I learnt lots of things like coke has 65g of sugar and that germs can be spread really easily.*

By Clove

### **School Council Vacancy**

I would like to thank Tiffany Knighton for her time on School Council and wish her and the family all the very best as they embark on a new adventure.

As a result, there is now a free position on school council. If you are interested in becoming a member of School Council or would like further information, please come and see me before the end of term.

### **Cluster Soccer Day**

On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June we travelled to Whitfield for a soccer clinic with Melbourne Victory coaches. Although the weather was rather cold and wet, it didn't stop everyone having a great time!



**Hamish** – “It was good because you learnt new skills.”

**Tameeka** – “I liked that it was raining cos I like dancing in the rain.”

**Tom** – “It was awesome because it was wet and slippery. I liked playing the games.”



**Rakalem** – “It was lots of fun and everyone should go there.”

**Carla** – “We played in the rain and it was lots of fun.”

**Sally** – “My favourite part was kicking the soccer ball”

### **Grade 3-6 STEAMDANCE**

On Wednesday the 27<sup>th</sup> the five King Valley schools will be coming to the Myrree Hall to participate in a workshop led by The Australian Ballet Dance Education Team who are specialist educators and professional dancers. STEAMDANCE uses a dance-education approach to learning about STEAM subjects; science, technology, engineering, arts and maths.

The program aims to complement key STEAM curriculum objectives by working closely with the class teachers to support what is being learned in the classroom.

On Friday 29<sup>th</sup> Grades 3-6 will travel to Wangaratta with the other cluster schools to visit the Gallery and participate in activities at the Gallery.

We will then move to the Wangaratta Performing Arts centre and experience the Australian Ballet Dance Education Team perform the new schools' version of Coppelia which will be presented by the team, offering a fun and engaging introduction to ballet.



### **NAIDOC Week**

Every year in July Australia celebrates



NAIDOC Week – a week to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. This year NAIDOC Week falls in the school holidays, 8-15<sup>th</sup> July, and the theme is ‘Because of her, we can’, recognising the significant roles Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women have played, and continue to play, in our society.

We will be celebrating our own NAIDOC day at Greta Valley on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June. We will be looking at dreamtime stories, music, artwork and listening to real accounts of Aboriginal culture.

### **Wood Cutting**

Every year we spend a day at 15 Mile Creek cutting wood for them to use as a way to raise some money for our school. This year it is happening a little bit later than usual but we still would like lots of help to get the job done! We will be cutting the wood on the morning of Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> July starting at 9:30am. Please bring your chainsaw, wood splitter, trailer and your own personal protection equipment.

### **Lost Footy Boots**

A pair of Addidas footy boots were left at Whitfield after the soccer clinic. If your child is missing some, please let us know.

### **OSHC**

If anyone is requiring OSCH this Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June, can you please let Tina know by tomorrow at the latest as she has another commitment that she will need to make alternative arrangements for.

### **Thankyou**

I would like to thank each of you for making my time at Greta Valley PS so amazing. I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know the students, parents and staff and have loved every minute of my time here. You have such a lovely school community that you should all be very proud of. Thank you for letting me be a part of it this term.

Enjoy the last week and a half of term and have an even more enjoyable holiday break.  
Thank you,

***Andrea Matheson***  
***Acting Principal***